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SUBJ: SPANISH VISAS REQUIRED FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND
OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

REF: LISBON 4041 AND DEPT A-4662

1. PLAN DESCRIBED IN A-4662 OF REPLACING ALL DIPLOMATIC
PASSPORTS MAKES THIS OPPORTUNE TIME TO TRY TO PERSUADE
SPANISH AUTHORITIES TO ADOPT MORE LIBERAL POLICY WITH
RESPECT TO DIPLOMATIC VISAS. SPANISH EMBASSY AT LISBON CONTINUES
TO INCLUDE PROVISO THAT VISA MUST BE USED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF
ISSUANCE TO BECOME VALID. FOR REASONS EXPLAINED OUR
4041, THIS IS AWKWARD FOR PERSONS ASSIGNED IN PORTUGAL.
COMPARISON WITH VISAS ISSUED AT OTHER SPANISH EMBASSIES
SHOWS THAT THIS IS NOT A UNIFORM PRACTICE.

2. SINCE ALL OF THESE VISAS WILL HAVE TO BE TRANSFERRED
OR REISSUED DURING FIRST HALF OF CY77, WE WOULD LIKE TO
SEE THIS PROVISO ELIMINATED BY THEN. UNLESS INSTRUCTED
OTHERWISE, WE WILL MAKE REPRESENTATIONS LOCALLY, CITING
MFA NOTE VERBALE 1975/95, BUT A DIRECTIVE FROM SPANISH
MFA SEEMS BEST WAY TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

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